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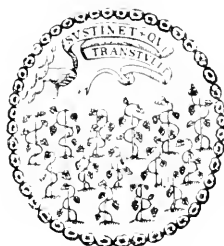
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COSTUMES, MIDDLE 19TH CENTURY
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Report of President

THE struggle against many obstacles to be overcome, the courage and persistence shown by those embarked on the new venture, and the road upward to final success are part of the life of a young organization. All this should not be lost to mind in later years when prosperity has crowned its efforts.

In the year 1825 a small group of men, prominent in our State, conceived the idea of forming an historical society, "for the purpose of discovering, procuring and preserving materials for the civil, ecclesiastical and natural history of the United States, and especially of the State of Connecticut". In the month of May of that year, the General Assembly passed a Resolve incorporating The Connecticut Historical Society, and named thirty-one persons as incorporators. The names of these men, all successful in their various occupations and of influence in their communities, indicates that the Society was builded on a sound foundation. The important thing to remember is that these men were vitally interested in this undertaking and rendered much personal service to the Society through the years—they were not just "names".

It may not be amiss to examine the walks of life pursued by them, and their accomplishments. Fourteen were members of the Connecticut Bar, and among these fourteen we find a Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, a Secretary of the Navy, a United States Attorney General, in Congress one Senator and three Representatives, four Governors of Connecticut, four Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, Judges of the Superior Court and County Courts of whom four were Chief Judges, a Secretary of the State, members of the General Assembly, two Brigadier Generals of State troops, a Mayor of Hartford, and one author and one historian. The seven Clergymen include two sometime Bishops, two college Presidents, two college professors, and three who were active in secondary education. The list of the thirty-one original incorporators ends with six physicians and four who were engaged in business pursuits. This group of distinguished men includes the names of William Wolcott Ellsworth, the second Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and a Governor of Connecticut; Isaac Toucey, John Samuel Peters and Samuel Augustus Foot, also Governors of this State; Thomas Church

Brownell, Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut and first President of Washington (now Trinity) College; Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, leading founder of the American School for the Deaf; John Trumbull and Thomas Day, prominent members of the Connecticut Bar; and Timothy Pitkin and Thomas Scott Williams, sometime members of Congress.

More than half of the incorporators resided elsewhere than Hartford, which gave thirteen persons. Three lived in Wethersfield and two were of New Haven, with one representative each from Cheshire, Colchester, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Fairfield, Farmington, Hebron, Lebanon, Litchfield, Middletown, Newtown, and Norfolk.

The first meeting of the Society was held on May 30, 1825 at the State House in Hartford. The officers then elected, the first officers of the Society, were: the Hon. John Trumbull, President; the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, Vice-President; Thomas Day, who later was President for many years from 1839, Secretary; the Rev. Thomas Robbins, who in 1844 became the first Librarian of the Society, Corresponding Secretary; and Walter Mitchell, Treasurer. A committee of five was appointed to "prepare a Constitution and a code of By-Laws, and Mr. Robbins delivered an address on The Objects of the Society".

Pursuant to the adjournment of the preceding meeting, the Society met on May 31st at the State House. The committee which had been appointed to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws made its report, and the report was adopted. The preparation of these two documents within twenty-four hours was a record which I doubt could be equalled today. At this time a Standing Committee of six was elected. It is of interest that, after a period of over one hundred and twenty-five years, the title of this committee is retained, rather than changing it to the more modern one of "Executive Committee".

The third meeting of the Society, adjourned from that of May 31st, was held on June 2nd at the State House. Little was done other than to instruct the Secretary to prepare a seal for the Society, and to propose twenty-eight names for membership.

On August 4th, a quarterly meeting was held at the State House. Fourteen new members were elected, twenty-five names were

proposed, and it was voted that the Secretary give notice of the time and place of the quarterly meetings in the several newspapers printed in Hartford. Was there, perhaps, a premonition of things to come? The meeting properly adjourned "sine die". Years of inactivity were to pass before the Society was revived in 1839.

Within a year from the time of the first meeting, May 30, 1825, and the election of officers, President John Trumbull removed from the State, as did the Rev. George W. Doane, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, who became Bishop of New Jersey. Because of this and perhaps other reasons, the Society, which had been so auspiciously launched, lost all energy and remained in a state of inactivity.

In the act of incorporation of May, 1825, it was provided that the Society meet once a year for the choice of certain stated officers. This was not done during a span of thirteen years, and it was a matter of doubt whether the Charter of the Society had not been forfeited by non-user. The fact that some valuable historical materials had been collected by the Society, which had been so far preserved, but which were in danger of being scattered and lost, without the care of this or some similar institution, and the possible efforts of Thomas Day who was Secretary of the State at that time, influenced the General Assembly to pass this resolution on the first Wednesday of May, 1839: "Resolved and declared, by this Assembly, that the existence of said Society, as a body corporate, with the powers and privileges originally granted thereto, be continued and perpetuated, as though its officers had been chosen annually since 1825". It was further resolved that a list of thirty-three persons, fifteen of them incorporators under the act of 1825, be deemed the present members of the Society, and shall continue as such.

It may be asked, why and how was the present admission fee of three dollars determined upon, and retained without change? The answer is found in a provision of this act of 1839. It reads: "that the payment of three dollars, as an admission fee, for the benefit of the Society, shall be an essential qualification of membership—and no person who has not already paid such fee, shall be deemed a member, until such payment be made".

The first meeting of the Society, under the act of May, 1839, was held at the Young Men's Institute on June 1, 1839. Thomas

Day was chosen President, and Charles Hosmer, Secretary, both of Hartford. It was voted that the act of May, 1839 "be, and the same is, hereby accepted as part of the Charter of incorporation of this Society". The rules and regulations adopted on May 31, 1825 were repealed and abrogated, and Thomas Day and Henry Barnard 2nd were made a committee to prepare new By-Laws.

Regarding the place of meeting. A Public Library Company was organized in Hartford in 1774. It was first known as the Librarian Company and in October, 1799, was chartered as The Hartford Library Company. The Young Men's Institute, organized in 1838 as a voluntary association, took over the Hartford Library Company, and the Hartford Young Men's Institute, chartered May, 1839, in turn became its successor. The Young Men's Institute was located in Gilman's Hall, 146½ Main Street, on the west side of the street midway between Pearl Street and the Center Church.

One of the most devoted friends of the Society was Thomas Day, its second President, who held that office from June 1, 1839 to May 16, 1854, less than a year before his death. He was a man who, besides his private law practice held responsible positions in the courts and as a State official, but the records of the Secretary of the Society show that he rarely missed a meeting of the Society, and met all demands upon his time in its service.

Meetings called for June 4th, 7th, and 13th were adjourned because of there being no quorum. All were to have been held at the Young Men's Institute.

Finally, a meeting was held on June 15, 1839 at the Young Men's Institute. A new set of By-Laws was adopted, the month of May was appointed the time when the annual meetings should be held, and the number of Honorary members residing outside the State was limited to one half the number of other members, at any time. All candidates for membership were to be nominated by the Standing Committee, which consisted of the officers, and seven members who were to be appointed annually.

The meeting on June 21st was the last one held at the Young Men's Institute. Henry Barnard 2nd was elected Corresponding Secretary, and James B. Hosmer was chosen Treasurer. Henry Barnard, educator and pioneer of the common-school system, was a native of Hartford. He was, in turn, State Superintendant of Edu-

cation, President of the University of Wisconsin and of St. John's College at Annapolis, and was the first United States Commissioner of Education. When the New Britain Normal School opened in 1850, he was its first principal. James B. Hosmer, who was treasurer of the Society for thirty-four years and president for three years, was remarkable for his life-long devotion to its interests. His brother, Charles Hosmer, was secretary for twenty-nine years.

Only two new members were elected at the meeting on July 5th, which was held at the home of James B. Hosmer. We should pause here to note the election of the Rev. David Dudley Field, D.D., of Haddam, as a Vice-President, and of his three sons, from among his ten children; Hon. David Dudley Field of the New York bar, Judge Stephen J. Field of the United States Supreme Court, and Cyrus W. Field of Atlantic telegraph cable fame.

From July 5th to September 13th, seven meetings were held at the home of James B. Hosmer. A desire for a more permanent place of abode, and either insufficient space or a feeling that hospitality should not be abused, now led to the rental of a room. The minutes of the meeting held September 20th record that the meeting was "Held at their room". This room was at 124 Main Street, on the corner of Main and what is now Gold Street, across from the Center Church. This location was later occupied by the City Hotel. Fifteen new members, from nine different towns, were elected, among whom were Daniel Wadsworth and Gideon Wells.

On November 22, 1839, Noah Webster, LL.D. became a member, and later Dr. Gurdon W. Russell, David Watkinson, and Junius S. Morgan joined the Society.

At nearly every meeting, new members had been elected, intercourse with the Georgia and Rhode Island Historical Societies had been established, permission given to the Hartford Natural History Society to occupy a part of their room, and other progressive measures taken. On December 6th, it was voted "That a public dinner be provided at the Centennial Celebration for the Society and those who choose to subscribe". This culminated, on April 21, 1840, by a celebration in Hartford by the Society of the 201st anniversary of the organization under the Constitution in 1639 of the inhabitants of Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield. Among those present were one delegate from the Rhode Island

Historical Society, three from the New York Historical Society, and one person from Savannah as delegate from the Georgia Historical Society, together with "other respectable citizens from different parts of the State". The meeting "assembled in the Senate chambers; and at 11 o'clock A.M. moved in procession to the Centre Church, where the occasion had brought together a large concourse of people". The exercises consisted of two hymns, one of them composed for the occasion by Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney, a prayer, and an historical discourse by Noah Webster. At 2 o'clock P.M. the members, delegates and some invited guests "partook of an entertainment at Gilman's Hall, provided for the occasion, after which, several appropriate and interesting sentiments were given and speeches made". The thanks of the Society were presented to the choir of the Centre Church, "for their interesting performances". There seems to have been no lack of energy in the Society in those days.

A novel case of barter is shown in the minutes of December 20th. The Treasurer, at his discretion, was authorized to accept from newly elected clergymen payment of the admission fee in books. This was not uncommon at that time.

The cost of living then was not high. The year was now 1840, and on February 7th the Treasurer was directed "to rent the room now occupied by this Society, for one year from the 1st of April next, at the rent of \$50."

The wife of Daniel Wadsworth was a daughter of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. A vote of thanks to her and to her father's estate, January, 1841, shows how his manuscripts, books, and pamphlets became the property of the Society.

Among our more treasured possessions is a vest. How and when it was acquired is revealed by this vote, passed at the March, 1841 meeting: "That the thanks of this Society be presented to Mrs. Maria Ledyard, of Herkimer, N. Y. for her donation of the Vest worn by Col. William Ledyard, at the time he was killed at Fort Griswold, and also to Mr. Simeon Hart, Farmington, for obtaining the same, placing it in a neat glass case, and forwarding it to the Society".

Following the practice of the State Legislature, when the State had two capitol, the Society was holding its annual meetings alternately at Hartford and New Haven. The meeting of May 11, 1841 was held at 4 P.M. in the Representatives Chambers in the

State House in Hartford, after which a supper was had at the City Hotel. This is the first mention of a departure from the austerity of the past.

Mistakes can be made, and items are easily mislaid. It may be of some comfort to this later generation to learn from the minutes of the last meeting in December, 1841, that a gift from John Trumbull, first President of the Society, lost since 1825, was reported.

The Society has a large number of busts of people who were prominent about the time of the 1840's. Formal acknowledgement was made of the receipt of each. The first one, that of Thomas Day given at the request of the Society, was recorded, May, 1842. The next year came busts of Charles H. Olmstead, Hon. William Ellsworth, and Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney, with others following.

As did the children of Israel, the Society, which had wandered from the State House, the Young Men's Institute, and "their room", came at last to its promised land, where it was to remain for the next one hundred and six years. On December 22, 1843, the first meeting was held in the room in the Wadsworth Athenaeum, which had been prepared for it, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the meeting was obliged to adjourn. Four days later, December 26th, the Society met, with twenty-two members present, and later adjourned to the lecture room of the Centre Church where "before the Society, and a large and respectable assembly of Gentlemen and Ladies, the President delivered an Address appropriate to the occasion of taking possession of that part of Wadsworth Atheneum appropriated to the use of the Society". At last it had come to rest.

During the past twelve months period, a notable increase in the membership has taken place. One hundred and seventy-nine new members have joined the Society. Can we not, by a personal canvass of our friends and acquaintances, increase this number to two hundred, and thereby carry our total membership well over one thousand? If a quota were established, it would be less than one fourth of a person for each of our present members. To attain that average does not appear difficult. A year ago we started with a membership of 684, which was reduced during the year by 12 deaths, 7 resignations, and 2 who were dropped, but the addition of 179 new members increased the total to 842—an increase of

23°. Separated into its various classes, the membership is: Associate 335, Active 393, Contributing 67, Life 25, Ex-Officio 22, —Total Membership 842.

Again, the eight monthly meetings of the Society have been largely attended and in every way successful. The appreciation of their audiences must have been evident to the speakers, to whom the Society is greatly indebted. The program schedule was:

October 2nd. Frederic Palmer, architect, of East Haddam.

“Restoration of the Buttolph-Williams House, Wethersfield, by the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society.”

November 6th. Professor Anthony N. B. Garvan, of the University of Pennsylvania.

“Architecture and Town Planning in Colonial Connecticut.”

December 4th. John E. Parsons, collector and author, of N.Y.

“Historic Arms made by Samuel Colt.”

January 8th. Dr. Lee Jay Whittles, antiquarian, of Glastonbury.

“Sadler’s Ordinary: Second Connecticut Inn.”

February 5th. C. Edwin Blake, insurance executive, of Hartford.

“A Whale of a Hobby.”

March 4th. Albert Sack, antique dealer and author, of New York.

“Fine Points of Furniture.”

April 1st. Dr. Ernest J. Caulfield, of West Hartford, Connecticut.

“Graveyard Pediatrics.”

May 6th. Mrs. Ethel Hall Bjerkoe, lecturer and author, of Woodbury, Connecticut.

“Our Chinese Heirlooms.”

These lectures were accompanied either with illustrative items or with lantern slides.

During the year, three exhibitions have been held, at which on the opening day of each, afternoon tea was served. Each exhibition was on view for approximately one week. They were:

January 22nd. A collection of tin objects made for the celebration of a tenth wedding anniversary in Suffield, 1859.

March 11th. A Collection of models of antique furniture, made by Newton C. Brainard.

April 15th. A group of “Fancy Articles” from the William J. Hickmott, Jr. collection of Bennington Pottery, bequeathed to the Suffield Historical Society.

The Society is prosperous as never before; it is now housed in a splendid building which is well adapted to its needs, and enables it to render far more service to its members and to the public than has been possible in the past. This is the part of the picture which is apparent and easily seen. The unseen part, the need of increased income from more adequate endowment, is also present. If this Society is to attain the efficiency that it deserves, and to expand its usefulness in numerous ways, it must be done through the interested generosity of those who believe in preserving, and making the history of our State available to all. This is not an easy undertaking, and it is a costly one. The operation of our large library and museum is now conducted by the Director and only two staff assistants. The supervision of the use of the museum is in the care of one part-time person, and, through the generosity of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the library is, for the present only, being re-catalogued. So much is being done by so few! There is a crying need for a conservatively enlarged staff of assistants. Our modest, little quarterly *Bulletin* is approved by other societies, for the material included in its various issues but, for the lack of means, the wealth of such material in our own library can not be made available to the general public. The *Bulletin* goes regularly to persons and institutions from here to the Pacific coast. Your officers, and especially the Director, live with the budget constantly in mind. Every expenditure, however small, is carefully scrutinized, and must be absolutely essential. It is gratifying to be able to report that, on the operations of the past year, the Society shows a balance of income above expenses. This balance of \$4.71 is small, very small, and verges dangerously upon a possible deficit, a thing which should be by all means avoided.

The past year has been a fruitful one, largely due to the unremitting work of those in charge. Our thanks and appreciation are due to Mr. Harlow, the Director and watchdog of the budget, for his able conduct of our financial affairs as well as of the day-to-day management of all other matters. To the officers and members of committees, to all the members of the staff, other assistants, those who have so generously given voluntary help, and to our superintendent the same thanks and appreciation are due.

EDGAR F. WATERMAN, *President*

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LESTER CARD

Lester Card, who was elected a member of the Society March 4, 1941, died at South Norwalk, November 4, 1951.

He was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia Dec. 10, 1872, the son of a sea captain. He graduated from Columbia University School of Pharmacy, and was a druggist in South Norwalk for many years.

For more than sixty years Mr. Card was interested in genealogical research and was the transcriber of *Annals of Wilton*, edited by David Herman Van Hoosear, and published by the Wilton Historical Society in 1940. He also copied and reproduced by mimeograph a number of small genealogical and historical monographs including "Records of School District #1 New Canaan;" "Angle, Engel and Angel Families with data on the Filkin family and some information of the Young, Planck and Van Deusen families;" "Bronson family;" "Some notes on the Brookins family;" "Ancestry and descendants of Samuel Cole, of Wilton, Conn.;" "Corrections of *Elwell Family* by Ervin H. Elwell, 1911;" "Kent Genealogy, showing error in printed volume with a brief line of Richard Kent of Newbury;" "Lambert family of Connecticut, descendants of Jesse Lambert;" "New Canaan Congregational Church Baptismal Records, 1733-1741;" "Pickett family;" "Names on First Baptist Church Records Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y. 1780-1790;" "Residents of Connecticut: Births taken from census of 1850, Warren Co., Pa.;" "Records of the Bald Hill Methodist Church, Wilton."

CHARLES MATHER GLAZIER

Charles Mather Glazier, of Farmington, who was admitted to membership April 5, 1921, died at Hartford Hospital January 9, 1952.

He was born in Hartford November 21, 1861, a son of Isaac and Clara (Safford) Glazier.

He was Agent for the Hartford Fire and Hartford Accident & Indemnity Companies and was much interested in genealogical matters. He was a descendant of John Glazier who first settled in Lancaster, Mass. in 1644, and on his mother's side was descended

from Rev. Richard Mather, grandfather of Rev. Cotton Mather, who settled in Dorchester, Mass. in 1635.

Mr. Glazier was a member of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution and of Central Baptist Church.

On June 2, 1897, he married Cordelia Frances Loomis who died November 27, 1946. He leaves a brother, Robert C. Glazier, recently retired President of the Society for Savings, and a daughter, Mrs. Warren M. Creamer, of Farmington, with whom he made his home.

JOHN MARSHALL HOLCOMBE, JR.

John Marshall Holcombe, Jr., who became a member of the Society November 3, 1925, died suddenly at his home in Farmington May 15, 1951.

He was born in Hartford May 4, 1889, son of John Marshall Holcombe, President of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and his wife Emily Seymour Goodwin.

He was graduated from Yale University in 1911 and from Harvard Law School in 1914. He was a Counsel for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, served as a Captain in the Army Air Corps in World War I and was the founder in 1921 and manager of the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau, later the Life Insurance Agency Management Association.

Mr. Holcombe was an outstanding collector of autographs of the Presidents of the United States and was an inspiring and much sought after speaker on this subject. Shortly before his death he had spoken to the Society on the subject "George Washington," illustrated with letters and documents from his own collection and from that of the Society. He was President of the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society of Connecticut and is credited with its phenomenal growth.

On May 8, 1920, he married Mrs. Marguerite Chase Boas who survives him as do four sons, Alan Chase Boas, of South Hadley, Mass., Robert Waldo Boas, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., Herbert Allen Boas, of Farmington, and John Marshall Holcombe III, of Los Angeles, Calif. He also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Emily Holcombe Barlow, of Garrison, N. Y. and Mrs. Ada Chase Holcombe Caswell, of Darien, one brother, Harold G. Holcombe, of West Hartford and twelve grandchildren.

MRS. ALICE L. MERRILL HUNT

Mrs. Alice L. Merrill Hunt who was elected to membership in the Society December 7, 1948, died at her home in Ithaca, N. Y. October 8, 1950.

She was born in Danby, N. Y. December 8, 1870, a granddaughter of Martin Merrill and Eunice Stevens of Danbury, Conn.

Mrs. Hunt was educated in the Ithaca, N. Y. public schools and was an accountant.

MRS. PHINEAS H. INGALLS (EMILY PUTNAM DAY)

Mrs. Phineas H. Ingalls, who was admitted to membership in the Society December 3, 1935, died at Hartford Hospital December 26, 1951.

She was born in Brooklyn, Conn., March 12, 1874, a daughter of Frank and Fannie (Rickard) Day. She was a descendant of Israel Putnam and was a Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D.A.R. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Service League of Trinity Church, the Town and County Club of Hartford, St. Barnabas Guild and the Women's Auxiliary of Hartford Hospital.

Mrs. Day is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Charles Pond, and Mrs. William J. Sexton, Jr., both of Hartford and a nephew, Capt. Ernest B. Ellsworth of the United States Navy.

MRS. ARTHUR REED KIMBALL (MARY CHASE)

Mrs. Arthur Reed Kimball, who became a member of the Society April 4, 1923, died in Waterbury, Conn.

She was born in Waterbury June 4, 1865, a daughter of Augustus S. Chase, of that city. She was educated at St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, and Mme. Da Silva's in New York City.

Mrs. Kimball was active in the civic life of Waterbury and travelled extensively abroad.

On May 15, 1895 she married Arthur Reed Kimball, who was for some years Associate Editor of the *Waterbury American* and also a member of this Society. Mr. Kimball died January 27, 1933.

MARY LESSEY LINEHAN

Mary Lessey Linehan, who was elected a member of the Society February 5, 1901, died in Amherst, Mass. January 19, 1952.

She was born in Amherst February 25, 1867, a daughter of Dennis and Catherine (DeLacy) Linehan. She was educated at Smith College and did graduate work at Yale University and Amherst College. She taught at Phelps Junior High School in Hartford for many years.

Miss Linehan was a contributor to many periodicals and was an authority on Gaelic literature. She was a member of St. Bridget's Church, Amherst, and a past regent of the Daughters of Isabella in Hartford.

She is survived by two sisters, Eleanor G. Linehan and Catherine DeLacy Linehan, both of New York City and Amherst, and a niece, Catherine Linehan of New York City.

JAMES E. RHODES, 2D

James E. Rhodes, 2d, who was admitted to membership in the Society January 3, 1922, died July 22, 1951 at his home in West Hartford.

He was born in Rockland, Me., May 27, 1877, the son of Gideon Woodbury and Mary (Ayer) Rhodes. He was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1897, and taught Greek and mathematics in Rockland. In 1899 he became Secretary to Representative Charles A. Littlefield of Maine and while in Washington studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1902. He joined the Travelers Insurance Company as Adjuster in 1906, and later was associated with the Legal Department until his retirement in 1947.

Mr. Rhodes was author of *Workmen's Compensation*, a standard work on the subject, and for many years was an instructor at Trinity College on insurance subjects. He was a member of the South Congregational Church, the University Club of Hartford, the Hartford Kiwanis Club, Lafayette Lodge No. 100, A.F. & A.M., a charter member of the Hartford Exiles, a founder of the Hartford City Club and a member of the American Law Institute and the Maine and Connecticut Bar Associations.

He leaves his wife, the former Ruby A. Rogers, of New York City, whom he married in 1920, one son, Richard A. Rhodes, 2d, of West Hartford, and a brother, Richard A. Rhodes, of Portland, Me.

EVERETT NEWTON ROBINSON

Everett Newton Robinson, who became a member January 2,

1951, died at Hartford Hospital March 11, 1952 after a long illness.

He was born in Willimantic, Conn. October 24, 1900, a son of James G. and Lovisa (Chesebro) Robinson. He was a sheet metal contractor and was an authority on early American tinware and was engaged in writing and lecturing on this subject. January 2, 1951 he addressed the Society on "The Tin Peddler and His Wares," illustrated with numerous specimens from his own collection. He was a former member of the Pioneer Valley Antique Dealers Association and the Early American Industries Association.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, two stepsons, Roy E. Christensen, of Hartford and Ralph A. Christensen, of Springfield, Mass., one brother, James G. Robinson, of St. Petersburg, Fla., two sisters, Mrs. James J. Murphy, of Hartford and Mrs. Olive R. Best, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

REV. SHERROD SOULE

Reverend Sherrod Soule, who became a member of the Society May 3, 1921, died at the New York Hospital September 20, 1951.

Dr. Soule was born in Hampton, Conn. October 29, 1860, a son of Rev. George Soule, Chaplain of the 11th Connecticut Volunteers in the Civil War, and his wife Caroline R. Litchfield. He graduated from Amherst College in 1885 and from Union Theological Seminary in 1888. In 1922 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Amherst. He was Pastor of the Dane Street Congregational Church, Beverly, Mass., from 1888-1892, of the Congregational Church in Naugatuck, Conn., from 1892-1899 and Superintendent of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and the Fund for Ministers from 1909-1934.

Dr. Soule was Historian of the Missionary Society of Connecticut for many years, was Chaplain of the Putnam Phalanx, and from 1921-1922 was Chaplain of the State Senate. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and a former President of the University Club of Hartford, and was a member of the Sons of Veterans.

In 1893 he married Mary Caroline Haines, of Somersworth, N. H., who died September 22, 1943. He is survived by a daughter, Theodate Haines Soule, who heads the Social Service Depart-

ment of the New York Hospital, and a son, George Soule, of Bridgeport.

ROBBINS BATTELL STOECKEL

Robbins Battell Stoeckel, who was elected to membership in the Society March 1, 1921, died suddenly October 16, 1951 at his home in Norfolk.

He was born in New Haven September 20, 1872, a son of Gustave Jacob and Matilda Bertha (Wehner) Stoeckel, of German-Bavarian descent. He was graduated from Yale University in 1889 and from New York Law School in 1895. He was long in public service, and served with distinction as Judge of Probate, Norfolk District, until his retirement in 1942. He was the first Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, from 1917 to 1933, and drafted and administered motor vehicle laws which were long recognized as models of their type.

Mr. Stoeckel was elected a Vice-President of the Society May 19, 1942, and Robbins Battell, for whom he was named, served as Vice-President from 1885-1889 and as President from 1889-1890. Mr. Stoeckel was a member of the Board which administered the Norfolk Schools of Music and Art, provided by the will of Mrs. Ellen Battell Stoeckel, wife of his brother Carl. He was interested in the Litchfield County Choral Union, and much of its success was due to his efforts.

On November 9, 1905 he married Katherine M. Fales, who died in December 1938. On May 16, 1940 he married Mary Jane Cairns. He is survived by his wife and a number of nieces and nephews.

RAY D. WEST

Ray D. West, who was admitted to membership in the Society May 21, 1946, died at his home in Menominee, Mich., Jan. 15, 1952.

He was born August 9, 1877 in Chilton, Wisconsin. He was educated at the University of Wisconsin and was a school teacher for 42 years.

Mr. West was a great grandson of Aaron West, Revolutionary patriot. He was an Episcopalian and a member of Masonic Orders A.F. & A.M., R.A.M., and K.T. During the recent war he was Reemployment Committeeman under Selective Service.

Report of Director

Mr. President and Members of the Society:

Once again it is my privilege to report on the state of the Society upon the conclusion of its 127th year of operation. We have a building of our own, moving is almost complete and we can look forward to much usefulness and activity in the years to come. This is an account of progress, progress many share in and of which all should be proud. The sheer volume of activity and accessions make possible only a brief mention, and inclusion or exclusion should not be basis for evaluation. Many things were discussed at length during business meetings, others are recorded in the *Bulletin*. Attached accessions lists do record and signify our deep appreciation for all gifts not specifically cited.

Twenty-seven cash gifts to the Society for general and specific purposes reached the gratifying total of \$9,094.55. This is more than double the amount of last year which we considered outstanding. It will probably be impossible to maintain this pace but it is indeed a pleasure to announce it and know so many are interested in the welfare of the Society. This was achieved without a general appeal to our members. So many institutions must, that it is rare indeed to find such generosity virtually unsolicited. It must be by now quite obvious to all concerned that we can put any and all contributions to good use.

Correspondence has long been a source of trouble but now assumes major proportions. It is apparent the world of scholarship has discovered our efforts of recent years and rewards us with their attention. In addition to genealogical inquiries handled by the Reading Room, we receive an average of twelve letters a day. There is no dictating machine, no stenographer, many of my letters I must type myself. Certain letters rate top priority; book orders, inquiries from members, publishers and scholars who have used the collection. Beyond that, we work at them as we find time. If we did not arbitrarily do this, we would do nothing but write letters. Where should we draw the line? Can we draw a line? I do not know. I am flattered to think so many want our assistance but it is pretty discouraging to never be caught up and never have a desk clear of work.

We are grateful for the gift of outdoor poles and United States

and State flags. These have been attached to the parapet of the porte-cochere and are to be used on special occasions. These flags were presented in memory of Captain Roger Clap, Commander 1665-1686 The Castle Fortress in Boston Harbor by his great, great, great, great, great granddaughter, Florence S. Marcy Crofut. Miss Crofut also presented indoor flags for the Lecture Hall, but they have not yet arrived.

A total of 510 members and friends attended the eight regular lectures. Though slightly less than the previous year, several meetings were held in abominable weather which undoubtedly cut into the prospective audience. The opening in October and three special exhibitions attracted 349 and meetings of ten outside groups totaled 484. Readers numbered 1578 and in five months 1000 were guided through the museum. The building total, with the museum open less than half the time, amounted to 3921. This is not outstanding, but merely recorded as a basis for future comparisons.

LIBRARY

Additions to the library have come from four sources: gift, exchange, purchase and discoveries. The latter is rather significant for it includes things packed we knew we had but could not locate and things we knew nothing about.

A library is noted for its rareties and the service it can provide to the public. We have what has been called the "handsomest and the pleasantest historical society in the country to work in." Some day our catalogue will be complete and then we will really assume our proper place among the great research institutions in the country.

We have two series of bound pamphlets totaling 272 volumes, each of which contains 6-10 titles which were not seen by Charles Evans compiler of *American Bibliography* and were not checked in Trumbull's *List of Books Printed in Connecticut before 1800*. These volumes include titles printed as late as 1850 but a sample test of volumes 1-12 in "B" series revealed the following: 8 not checked in Trumbull; 6 listed in Evans without locating a copy; 3 not listed at all in Evans; and 62 in Evans without record of our having copies. Volume 25 of "A" series revealed 2 listed by Evans without locating any copies; 1 not in Evans; and 7 in Evans with-

out CHS location. These are listed on old cards but are not in the catalogue. They can only be found if we search carefully.

The first series of 445 volumes, apparently checked by Evans, contains the bulk of the titles recorded as being in this library. There is a manuscript catalogue of these by author.

From the sampling, we find copies of a few pamphlets in all three series. Consequently we must break up these volumes in order to separate duplicates and also to shelve like things together. It will take time and has so far been postponed for the unbound, uncatalogued material was completely lost until processed and seemed to rate top priority. In any event the duplicates eventually will make available considerable materials for exchange and sale, to ultimately return in other additions to the collection.

Accessions totaled:	320 volumes
	285 pamphlets
	97 manuscript collections
	103 miscellaneous collections
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Total	805

The miscellaneous items may be broken down into:

	22 newspapers
	36 pictures, engravings &c.
	26 programs
	24 advertisements
	22 maps
	13 scrapbooks and clippings
	9 circulars, invitations &c.
	6 trade cards
	4 book plates
	12 envelopes and wrappers
	23 broadsides
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Total	197

Perhaps the most significant book published in Connecticut was John Ledyard's *A Journal of Captain Cook's Last Voyage to the Pacific Ocean*. Hartford 1783. A whole report might be written just around this book and Ledyard's importance to the future de-

Samuel A. Anderson's
JOURNAL
Part of *of Levi Wells*
Captain C O O K's
Last *Wells*
VOYAGE
TO THE
Pacific Ocean,
AND INQUIRY OF A
North-West Passage,
BETWEEN
ASIA & AMERICA;
Performed in the Years 1775, 1777, 1778, &
1779.
Illustrated with a CHART showing the Tails of
the Ships employed - and Expenses.
—
Edinburgh: Printed and sold by James M. of
MR. JOHN LEDFARD
—
HARTFORD
Printed and Sold by NATHANIEL PATTEN,
a few Rods North of the Court-House,
M.DCC.LXXXIII.

We knew we had it but were never able to locate it, and when unpacked we breathed a sigh of relief. The map is missing, but the copy is in such fine state we expect to find that the map was carefully removed for safe keeping.

Nearly two years ago we had an inquiry concerning *Lord Anson's Voyage Round the World* . . . Boston . . . 1760. Evans lists ours as the only copy and this inquirer wished to see it. We had to report that we were moving, the title was not catalogued and consequently was assumed to be in one of a thousand boxes in storage. Fortunately for us, it did turn up as predicted.

One of the account books found last year in moving was identified as that of Isaiah Tiffany, a storekeeper, Lebanon and Norwich 1746-1767. Dr. Ernest Caulfield is much interested in such accounts and when he examined the book discovered Tiffany was a cabinet maker and made everything from cradles to coffins.

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a selectman in Woodstock, a Representative to the General Court 1742/43 and soon thereafter moved to Lebanon. The accounts commence in Lebanon and conclude in Norwich to which he removed and where he died April 4, 1780.

These records indicate that Tiffany was a cabinetmaker of no mean ability and it is hoped other records of his will turn up and that a piece of furniture recorded in the accounts may be traced to the present owner. Dec. 20, 1750 a "case of draws" was sold Jonathan Clark of Lebanon for £27. Jonathan Trumble was a steady customer paying £32 for a "case of draws without trimming," £8 for a dressing table, £50 for a "desk and book case without trimming", and £6 for a cradle.

I have repeatedly commented on our poor manuscript catalogue and the urgent need of a specialist on the staff to take care of it. In the first place we do not know what we have nor are we able to process accessions as received.

Bernhard Knollenberg while using our William Samuel Johnson papers came upon thirteen documents, instructions to and correspondence of Charles Garth, South Carolina Agent, 1765-66. Max Farrand in the *American Antiquarian Society Proceedings* N. S. v. 23, describes the Johnson papers in this Society but no mention appears concerning these particular documents and their discovery was an accident. It took someone familiar with the period to recognize them for what they were.

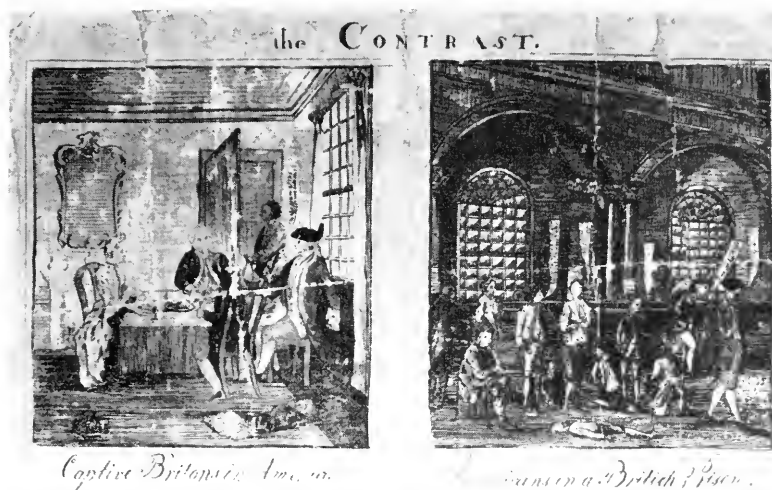
W. S. JOHNSON PAPERS RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA

1. Delegates from S.C. to Stamp Act Congress to Garth—Oct. 26, 1765
2. Committee to Garth—Nov. 26, 1765
3. Christopher Gadsden to Johnson—Dec. 2, 1765—Published in Gibbes *Documentary History of So. Carolina*, 7-9, but wrongly stated to be to Garth
4. Committee to Garth—Dec. 16, 1765
5. Garth to Committee—Dec. 23, 1765—unpublished—original or copy in S.C. Hist. Soc
6. Garth to Committee—Jan. 19, 1766 with additions to Feb. 22, 1766 published in *S.C. Hist. and Genealogical Magazine*, April 1925
7. Garth to Committee—Feb. 25, 1766
8. Garth to Committee—Mar. 12, 1766
9. Garth to Committee—Mar. 18, 1766
10. Garth to Committee—Mar. 25, 1766
11. April 1, 1766—opinions of Chief Justice Skinner and four associate justices of S. C. Supreme Court in famous case of Jocelin vs. Law

12. Gadsden to Johnson—Apr. 16, 1766

13. Undated report (probably around Nov. 1, 1765) of delegates to Stamp Act Congress to S. C. Commons House of Assembly

It is difficult to believe that an unknown Revolutionary cartoon would at this late date turn up but, with treasures that have



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been buried for 50-75 years, it is not unusual here. This is the case with "The Contrast. Captive Britons in America. Americans in a British Prison". It is a colored engraving of a political subject. The left panel shows three British prisoners seated in luxury at a dining table with a lady. A negro servant is entering the room. A cat is sleeping at the left and a dog partially covers a newspaper, *New [] Mercury*. One prisoner says: "To the fears of the Rebels we owe this".

In the right panel, eleven American prisoners and one guard are in a big room. Six are standing, two seated on boxes, two slumped on the floor and one lies prone. Their clothing is bedraggled and they appear gaunt. One says: "On 4 oz of bad pork & ½ lb of coal, no trial, scarce any water". Two balloons are illegible; another says: "Good for the Hess", and the guard says: "— is too good for you".

Through exchange we secured a volume containing a list of sub-

scribers of the Hartford and New Haven Turnpike Company 1799-1806. This turnpike was the result of an act passed at the October 1798 session of the General Assembly and was laid out on the straight line principle; that is, as straight between towns as was possible disregarding earlier roads. It started from New Haven over Whitney Avenue, through the southeast part of Hamden, the west part of Wallingford and the center of Meriden. It entered Hartford over what is now known as Maple Avenue.

The turnpike was $34\frac{3}{4}$ miles long and cost \$79,261 and it is believed the net income never exceeded \$3,000 a year. The stock holders included many prominent citizens from both New Haven and Hartford.

Jeremiah Wadsworth subscribed originally to 65 shares. Between 1798 and 1803 he paid in \$3305, received \$420 presumably for services and \$781.72 for damages. He also transferred 45 shares June 3, 1800 for \$1620.

James Hillhouse and Oliver Ellsworth each with 150 shares were the largest holders.

Thomas T. Punderson received \$650 for building a bridge. Samuel Bailey, builder of the Turnpike from Warren to Palmer, Massachusetts in 1797, was the general contractor.

Between May and July 1803, Benjamin Read, collector at Gate No. 1 collected \$156.34 in tolls; Elizur Andrews, Gate No. 2, \$123.78; Joseph Doolittle, Gate No. 3, \$149.44 and Jacob Walter, Gate No. 4, \$132.74. Other toll keepers were Asaph Mitchell at Meriden, Mr. Balch at Berlin and Joseph Chipman at Hamden.

Also on exchange we received 3 volumes of Samuel Stiles papers. Stiles was an apprentice and also a son-in-law of Abner Reed and was later a partner in the engraving business. There are diaries, letters and accounts of Reed which show he was an extremely versatile man. He engraved, printed, grained chairs, made wood cuts, lettered cartridge boxes and coffins, ornamented drums, cut type, lettered on glass and painted carriages. There is a trade card and many proofs of bank notes engraved by Reed, Stiles and later partnerships. These papers were collected and mounted in volumes by Henry Reed Stiles, M.D., son of Samuel Stiles and author of the Windsor and Wethersfield histories.

Our Treasurer, Allerton C. Hickmott, presented a unique Thomas Hooker item printed in London, 1653 titled: *Gods Image*

on Man. There is no record of this title in Hooker bibliographies. Struck by the similarity in size with *The Paterne of Perfection* . . . London 1640, we checked and found, page for page, that they were identical from the same type with the exception of the title page. How this was done we do not yet know. We have a splendid collection of Hooker and this addition is of great significance to us.

Jared Eliot of Killingworth, leading physician and scientist, was the author of *Essay on Field Husbandry in New England* published in six parts between 1748-1759. This was the first work in America attempting to improve farming methods and was for a long time widely read and applied. Part I was published in New London, 1748; II in 1749; III in 1751; V in 1754 and VI in New Haven, 1759. We have parts II and III. In 1760, Edes and Gill reprinted all 6 essays in Boston in 166 pages. Lawrence B. Romaine presented us an incomplete copy lacking pages 1-4 and 163-6. It is a rare volume at best, and to have most of the text of the essays is a great privilege.

Vice-President E. A. Moore made possible the purchase of *The Columbian Harmony* by Joseph Stone and Abraham Wood, [Boston, Isaiah Thomas and E. T. Andrews, 1793]. This is a rare title but its main interest to us is that the plates were the work of two Connecticut engravers. The title says engraved by Joel Allen. Page 9 is signed "E Ruggles junr Sculp"; 71 "J. Allen Sc"; 90 "E. Ruggles jun Sculp"; and 112 "Engraved by E Ruggles jun." Joel Allen of Farmington was a well known engraver who did numerous maps and song books. However, those plates signed by Ruggles are even more important. At Pomfret, March 14, 1789, Edward Ruggles, Jr. published "A Compleat Plan of the city of Marietta" and a little later "A New Map of the World." Stauffer *American Engravers on Copper and Steel* merely says he was a book-plate engraver, apparently working between 1790-1800, somewhere in New England and notes the plate of one Walter Lyon as the only plate seen. His association with Allen may help in finding additional information.

Dwight G. Clark of Bryan, Texas, presented a diary and letters of his grandfather, Jared Goodrich of Bristol, later of Plainville. Goodrich with some other members of the Bristol, California Company, left New York February 23, 1849 and arrived at San Francisco, California, by way of Panama, June 4, and returned

to New York, February 6, 1850. The diary describes the experiences for approximately a year. The letters were to and from his wife. Jared Goodrich was a clockmaker in the firm of Hills and Goodrich and later the founder of the Plainville Manufacturing Company, makers of knit underwear for many years.

Goodrich wrote some interesting comments on gold and California which reveal the conditions of the times. It did not take long for him to discover the futility, to admit it, and to make preparations to return home.

Sacramento looked like a "Camp Meeting" with the bulk of the citizens living in tents. Those who came overland described the plains as a "graveyard" with hundreds dying of cholera. By October, the fight to return home was greater than it was in New York to come to California.

Wages were \$10-20 a day; board \$1-2 per meal; flour \$9 per hundred pounds; pork \$50 a barrel; fresh beef \$25 per quarter; and steak 30 cents a pound. Cattle cost \$20-25 per head, ham 50 cents a pound; milk 50 cents a quart; lumber \$1 a foot and potatoes 12½ cents a pound. New York papers several months old sold for \$1 a piece and letters by express to New York cost a dollar. Transportation to the mines 75 miles away cost \$1 per pound and a common size stove was worth \$150-200. Traders calculated to make 100% profit. All of this was based on gold which if lucky could be dug at the rate of an ounce a day, and exchanged at the rate of \$1 an ounce. No wonder Goodrich was back in New York within a year.

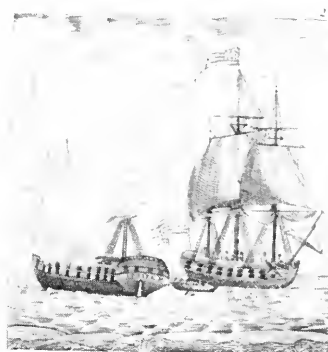
From the estate of Erskine Hyde of Coventry, through the heirs, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Brookfield, we received a quantity of letters, account books and documents of Daniel Burnap. Burnap was a famous clock maker of the 18th and early 19th century at East Windsor and Coventry.

As most workers in metal, Burnap made a great variety of things. He worked in gold and silver, made compasses, gun trimmings, pistol trimmings, inkstands, dental tools, sleigh bells and buttons. A gold necklace brought £2:8:0; silver spurs £1:14:0 and a brass compass £6. His clocks averaged £10, chime clocks £22 and cases were between £3:4:0 and £5. The most expensive clock was sold for £30 to Amherst Reynolds in East Hartford in 1802, and was described as a "brass wheeled chime clock and case".

Burnap made brasses for Eliphalet Chapin, Jonathan Birge, and Simeon Loomis, cabinetmakers, and Birge, Loomis and Samuel Kneeland made cases for Burnap's clocks. Kneeland made seven cherry cases between 1788-93, Birge at least five and Loomis 12 cases. It is believed some of these clocks and cases may be identified in the near future.

Rose Wilder Terry of Tryon, North Carolina and Alfred Howe Terry presented forty letters by Daniel Wadsworth between November 10, 1792 and April 26, 1793. Daniel took his sister Harriet to Bermuda in hopes of relief from tuberculosis. These letters essentially relate the sad final illness of the young lady but there is also much of social-economic interest. He writes to his father, mother, sister and aunt and in order to assure their receiving his letters there is much duplication. However, the difficulty of securing medicine, food, horses and feed for horses make these valuable sources. Visitors to Bermuda today often inquire about the tablet marking the grave of Harriet Wadsworth of Hartford, and these letters complete the record. Daniel Wadsworth was later the founder of the Wadsworth Atheneum, home of the Society for 107 years.

Acquisition of unique titles by purchase becomes more and



Purchase, Robbins Fund

more unusual as time goes on. We have been fortunate, and one of these this year is titled *Americans Triumphant, or John Bull in Distress* . . . Middletown, Conn. Printed and sold by J. T. Porter, 1823.

This is a juvenile illustrating American naval victories in the War of 1812. Among these are the sinking of the "Guerriere," Perry on Lake Erie, Decatur's victory with the "Macedonia," and illustrations of action by Bainbridge, Lawrence, Jones and Macdonough.

Stauffer says J. T. Porter was a mediocre line engraver of Middletown whose only known works were in *Narrative of John R. Jewitt*. He may have been mediocre and his verses were none too good, but he did produce a delightful volume and he was a Connecticut engraver. A James T. Porter died in Middletown December 7, 1826 and is believed to have been this engraver.

Through one of those tricks fate sometimes plays, we were lucky to purchase two editions of *Narrative of the adventures and sufferings of John R. Jewitt only survivor of the crew of the ship Boston, during a captivity of nearly three years among the savages of Nootka Sound* . . . Middletown . . . 1815. In addition we secured a broadside song "The Poor Armourer Boy, A song . . . adapted to the case of John R. Jewitt . . ." Loomis & Richards, Printers, Middletown, March 8th, 1815.

This in itself does not seem too remarkable but the author was Richard Alsop. His source was a Journal published by Jewitt in 1807 in Boston, which is now very rare. Alsop wrote the "Narrative" using the style of Robinson Crusoe and it had the widest circulation of any of his works. An obituary of Alsop in *Analectic Magazine* says: "His last publication was The Adventure of John Jewitt [sic] in which he [Alsop] has worked up the rude story of an unlettered man with a pleasing simplicity of style which is likely to make it almost as popular in this country as Robinson Crusoe." Though an optimistic prophesy, since 1815 nineteen editions, including two in London, one in Edinburgh, and one in Leipzig as late as 1928, have appeared.

The first edition by Loomis & Richards has a frontispiece engraved by J. T. Porter, is bound in boards with a bust of the Indian Chief Maquina and a whaling scene on the back cover and is erroneously paged 203, due to double use of page 28.

The second edition of 3,000 copies, September 6, 1815, is by Seth Richards, has a reengraved, unsigned frontispiece, is bound in calf and the paging has been corrected. Commencing on page 7 the text is reset, though a careful comparison fails to locate any additional matter.

Alsop's own copy, in the New York Public Library, is filled with corrections and additions so a revision was contemplated, but his sudden death August 20, 1815 apparently prevented it and subsequent editions do not include them.

The work was published for the profit of Jewitt. He peddled them around the country by wagon and wheelbarrow. On March 17, 1817, he appeared in a melodrama in Philadelphia titled: "The Armourer's Escape, or Three Years at Nootka Sound". Later he married Julia Ann Richards September 13, 1836 in New Haven.

The song is to the tune of the "Poor Cabin Boy", consists of five verses and might also be the work of Alsop.

S. G. Goodrich, Peter Parley, in 1832 published *The Captive of Nootka*, which was a juvenile version aimed at moralizing Jewitt's adventure. Another edition of this appeared in 1835.

In last year's report, we took considerable space to list the large wall maps of Connecticut towns and counties between 1847-1860 that we lacked. Through purchase and gift as the result of this list, we acquired maps of Meriden, New Britain and New Haven 1851; New Haven County, and Guilford 1852; Salisbury and Woodbury 1853; New London County 1854; Milford 1855 and Danbury 1860. These ten materially decrease the list to twenty that we are now seeking. If succeeding years are as fruitful as this one, it will not be long before our collection is virtually complete.

Mrs. Alfred Howe Terry not only served as Chairman of the Social Committee, but also worked on a calendar of the Jeremiah Wadsworth manuscripts. These have been in the possession of the Society for many years. The catalogue merely states Boxes 123-147, Sept. 1776-Oct. 1804. They are arranged chronologically within each box, but when asked for letters of an individual, for example, we have had no method of determining whether we had any of his letters or where to locate them.

The calendar lists each letter as filed by place, date, writer and addressee. Through its use we can readily ascertain whether we

have letters of various people, and which box they are in. Mrs. Terry has completed 5285 documents, with an approximate 2300 to go. To those interested, projects such as this are available upon application and you can be assured of performing valued and much appreciated service. In the case of Mrs. Terry, her husband is a descendant of Jeremiah Wadsworth.

Mention was made in the *Bulletin* of the acquisition of several reference tools such as Evans, Stauffer and Fielding. We also have acquired Halkett and Laing's *Dictionary of Anonymous and Pseudonymous English Literature* in 7 volumes and the *Catalogue of the Library of the Boston Athenaeum*, five parts. With the exception of Sabin's *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* in 29 volumes, our reference collection is pretty complete. We must get Sabin in the very near future. It sells for \$649.00, so that we are hopeful some member will have a set he no longer needs or is willing to contribute towards its purchase. With so much to catalogue and check, the accessibility of all aids is important. At present, we must refer to the State Library or the Watkinson Library, which slows the process considerably.

The grants from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving have one year to run. To date, 14,762 titles have been catalogued and some 106,000 cards filed. Two catalogue cases, one 60 drawer and one 45 drawer were purchased and will provide expansion room for a few years to come. After this year we must plan to assume the salary of the cataloguer employed since January 1947 with Foundation Funds. Their project has provided the basis of our catalogue for which we are greatly indebted. Its usefulness is established and its continuation is now our responsibility.

Binding costs, like everything else, have doubled in recent years. We spent \$390.00 and just barely took care of normal wear and tear of the reference and genealogical collection. Moving is hard on books and no matter how careful, brittle bindings cracked and the life of many were shortened. We are faced with the necessity of binding many newspapers in the near future and systematic repair, if available, would be cheaper in the long run. Collectors are shocked at valuable, often unique, pamphlets being shelved only in envelopes. Many deserve binding, slip cases and boxing, but it is impossible without the expenditure of large sums. Maybe the solution lies in installing our own bindery for a year or two.

Many institutions do just this. I do not profess to know. It is mentioned for it is as yet an unsolved problem and it is growing larger each year. The new air conditioned stack will stop deterioration due to excessive dryness but it will not repair damage or bind volumes. Institutions of comparable size budget annually \$2,000-\$3,000 for binding. Early acceptance of this will bring an early solution.

MUSEUM

We are constantly studying and new information comes to light on many pieces in the collection. For example fully half of artists of our paintings remain unidentified. Every once in a while some one turns up a "key" painting so that a whole series may be ascribed to a certain artist. This information is sometimes available through periodicals but more often from a visiting museum curator or expert. Mrs. William Sawitsky is the authority for ascribing the portrait of Adam Beauchamp to Jeremiah Theus. Beauchamp left Hartford and died in South Carolina about 1740. Theus was in Charleston and advertising in the *South Carolina Gazette* as early as August 30, 1740. Beauchamp was a French Huguenot and Theus painted a number of this group. Aside from other characteristics, the hands are concealed, which was a peculiarity of the artist.



INFUSION POT, pewter

A pewter piece, labeled "what is it" was discovered to be an infusion pot. Medicine vapors from the pot relieved a patient with a severe cold or croup. The wick is lacking but otherwise the piece resembles a pot in the Garvan collection. The mark ID has not yet been identified.

On several occasions this year we were invited to visit homes and select items of interest to the Society. Memoranda were then drawn up to be kept among estate papers to assist heirs in

distribution matters in the future. This is a very satisfactory arrangement on both sides for the Society receives materials in line with its acquisition policies and donors are assured their things are wanted, will be cared for and are going to the proper institution. We have also served in advisory capacities for materials outside our interest; our main thought being that there is a proper home for everything and if we can help, we are fulfilling our function.

Another method is illustrated by the gift of a silvered dial clock made by Joseph Carpenter of Norwich, presented by Dr. Isaac W. Kingsbury. By vote of the Society, the gift was accepted and then loaned to the donor subject to life use.

Russell Todd Cornell of Scarsdale, N. Y., presented a marble bust and pedestal of Lydia Alden (Giddings) Todd who was born in Hartford in 1831. The bust was sculptured from life in Italy in 1868 or 69.

This is an example of a record of a Connecticut person that should be preserved but which carries with it certain problems. In the first place it is large, requires considerable space in storage, must be periodically cleaned and rarely warrants exhibition. Consequently, acceptance commits us to somewhat of a burden which, if a regular occurrence, could ultimately strangle our resources. When this was discussed with the donor he readily appreciated the problem and made a donation which provides perpetual care. In the past this matter was not given enough consideration and as a result we are obligated in some instances which are a source of constant embarrassment. We are in business, we have overhead, depreciation, maintenance and the problem of securing funds to care for another's gifts. Mr. Seymour set a pattern which others must follow for as the Society grows so also must our endowment. The most wonderful part of the whole matter is that prospective donors are the first to recognize the problem and solution lies in a full discussion before we assume the obligation of ownership.

Miss Mariette N. Fitch of Rockville presented a number of very lovely costumes and accessories, the bulk of which belonged to the Misses Nancy and Mary Terry of Providence and Enfield. The Terry sisters ran a fashionable millinery shop in Providence until 1850 when they retired and returned to Enfield. The dresses were spotless and otherwise in perfect condition. Two of these gowns are now on exhibition.

William R. Wheeler was born in Michigan in 1832 and came to Hartford in 1861. Until his death July 13, 1893, he was a prolific painter of portraits in the city and many prominent citizens sat for him. At the request of the Society he painted a splendid por-



ASA AND ANNA H. (SABIN) JILLSON
Oil on canvas by Erastus Salisbury Field
Gift of Mrs. George Leland Nichols

trait of James Hammond Trumbull in 1880 which hangs in the Director's office.

From Mrs. George Leland Nichols of Northampton, Massachusetts, we received the portraits of Caroline Louisa Jillson (April 12, 1839-Jan. 13, 1866) and William Curtis Jillson (April 4, 1833-Jan. 2, 1898) painted by Wheeler in 1865.

Also from Mrs. Nichols were five portraits by Erastus Salisbury Field 1831 and 1832. They are Anna H. (Sabin) Jillson, her husband Asa Jillson (Sept. 5, 1783-April 7, 1848) of Willimantic, and children, Elizabeth Camilla (June 13, 1826-) and William Lawrence Jillson (Dec. 18, 1807-Jan. 1, 1861) and Mrs. William Lawrence (Caroline Curtis) Jillson. (June 4, 1808-Aug. 16, 1862)

Field was born in Leverett, Massachusetts May 19, 1805. He studied for a short time under Samuel F. B. Morse, but Morse had

little influence upon his style. After his marriage in 1831 Field settled in Hartford for about a year. Since Camilla was 6 years old when her portrait was done, the paintings are tentatively ascribed to his Hartford period. The portraits are typical examples of Field's primitive style. It is not likely too many portraits of this period survive, so it is exceedingly gratifying to have these. His later life was spent in Massachusetts, namely Monson, Leverett and Sunderland until his death in 1900.

Hair jewelry enjoyed wide popularity during the "Victorian" era. Among the most popular ornaments were brooches and bracelets, although necklaces and earrings were also made of hair. Brooches were most often of gold with the lock of hair placed under glass, but we find necklaces of fancifully braided hair supporting crosses or other pendants either of hair or of gold. A lock which belonged to a deceased loved one was often intricately twisted or braided and mounted in gold and was worn during the mourning period, although it was worn just as often for everyday adornment. Sometimes two colors of hair, light and dark, were braided together to form a striking effect, and the mountings and clasps were usually of gold, or occasionally of silver.

Miss Helen Elizabeth Royce has presented several interesting examples of hair jewelry including a pair of earrings and brooch in Moorish design, as well as another brooch, two necklaces, a pair of earrings and three bracelets.

In addition to the Royal Arms, which was described in the April issue of the *Bulletin*, we also had restored portraits of Oliver Wolcott (1726-1797), Gurdon Saltonstall (1666-1724), and Richard Goodman (1761-1845). They are at present hanging in the first floor exhibition room. Five other paintings are now undergoing treatment: Lord family hatchment, and portraits of William Penn, John Lawrence, Nathan Strong and Benjamin Boardman. These portraits were by Joseph Steward and completes the restoration of paintings by this local artist. Next spring we plan a special exhibition of Steward's works, and for the first time, all of his paintings now in our possession will be exhibited together.

EDITOR

Our publications this year consisted of the usual four issues of the *Bulletin*, *Annual Report* and *125 Years of The Connecticut*

Historical Society. In addition page proof was completed for volume 27 of the *Collections*, copy for volume 28 was prepared and sent to the printer and, at long last, the *Saybrook Vital Records* was approved for printing.

In a short paragraph we have glibly passed over what actually required a great many man hours. First of all is the copying which then must be read against the original. This requires two persons. After being set in galley form, this too must be read. Then comes page proof and finally the index and o.k. to print. It is not inconceivable that preparations for one 300 page volume require the concentrated energies of two persons for more than a month involved in just mechanical processes. During this period interruptions are costly and the utmost care must be taken to assure accuracy and a lay out which will be understandable to others than the editor.

The entire edition of 200 copies of the *Hale Family of Glastonbury*, published by the Society through the generosity of President Waterman, is expected this summer. The sale of these volumes will augment considerably the principal of the Waterman Fund. The volume was edited by Donald Lines Jacobus and in my opinion will be the finest and most complete genealogy compiled by the present dean of American Genealogists.

No particular effort was expended upon stimulating sales of books during the year. Exchanges amounted to \$716.25 and \$58.25 in sale of duplicates. As a result of displays in the building and circularization of the list prepared a year ago, sales totalled \$1,235.57. This I think is most gratifying and augments the principal of certain funds by \$411.60 and an additional \$823.97 was applied to income. In the case of the Publication Fund Surplus Income, this was derived from *Sam'l Colt's Own Record* which has now paid for itself. In the years to come we stand to make a profit.

With stocks of several books and new publications to be available soon, a revision of the book list must be prepared and distributed. It is hoped this will give our sales a shot in the arm for the storage of large stocks of unsold books is a problem and as long as they remain, their potential in operating funds remains unproductive.

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Publication	\$ 72.54
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In conclusion, may I again repeat that all credit for progress and accomplishments must be shared by the officers, committees and staff. A great many found much satisfaction as a result of their efforts in behalf of the Society. Each year more and more find this is true. There is a bond among collectors that finds its greatest satisfaction in building an outstanding collection of which all Connecticut may be proud. Every visitor is aware that hundreds have shared in the assemblage of our remarkable collection. To those who have yet to discover the pleasure and thrill we enjoy, they are cordially invited to come in and find out for themselves.

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Director

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Hemenway, Mrs. Rufus N. (Marion P.), New Britain, Oct. 2, 1951.

Herbst, John Clifford, Jr., Morris, Oct. 2, 1951.

Hill, Albert Edward, Alexandria, Va., July 17, 1951.

Hill, George Samuel, San Francisco, Calif., Apr. 1, 1952.

Hodge, Earl W., Glastonbury, Feb. 5, 1952.

Holcombe, Mrs. Luzerene C. (Marion Evarts), West Hartford, Mar. 4, 1952.

House, Mrs. Herbert C. (Mildred Applegate), Farmington, Aug. 31, 1951.

Hungate, Carroll Paul, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8, 1952.

Johnson, Mabel, Hartford, Oct. 2, 1951.

Johnson, Mrs. William J. (Clara Jennie Estelle), East Berlin, Dec. 4, 1951.

Johnston, Marie Alice, Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.

Jones, Mark Barber, Miami, Fla., July 17, 1951.

Jones, Mrs. Mark Barber (Nellie James), Miami, Fla., July 17, 1951.

Kilbourn, Austin, Hartford, Feb. 5, 1952.

Kilbourn, Mrs. Austin (Olive Carey Owens), Hartford, Feb. 5, 1952.

Kilbourn, Orrin P., West Simsbury, Oct. 2, 1951.

Kilbourn, Mrs. Orrin P. (Elizabeth F.), West Simsbury, Oct. 2, 1951.

Kirk, Mrs. William Parker (Ruth Henley), West Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.

Lambert, Wilbur Cornelius, West Hartford, Dec. 4, 1951.

Lambert, Mrs. Wilbur Cornelius (Ruth Sinclair), West Hartford, Dec. 4, 1951.

Lampson, Edward Rutledge, Hartford, Apr. 1, 1952.

Lampson, Mrs. Edward Rutledge (Elizabeth Leveret Davenport), Hartford, Apr. 1, 1952.

Lawrence, Mrs. Hiram Pettibone, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8, 1952.

Layton, Frank D., Hartford, May 20, 1952.

Link, Muriel Florence, Grand Rapids, Mich., July 17, 1951.

Lockhart, Eleanor, Hartford, Apr. 1, 1952.

Malinowski, Otylia Mary, Norwalk, Aug. 7, 1951.

Maltbie, William Mills, Granby, Mar. 4, 1952.
 Marsh, Charles Woodward, Hartford, Dec. 4, 1951.
 May, Benjamin J., Granby, Oct. 2, 1951.
 Melnik, Joseph, Stratford, Aug. 31, 1951.
 Mills, Edwin Weller, Osceola, Mo., July 17, 1951.
 Miner, Mrs. Clarence E. Wentworth (May L.), West Hartford,
 Feb. 5, 1952.
 Miner, Harry Earl, San Diego, Calif., Oct. 2, 1951.
 Mooney, Robert Knapp, West Hartford, Mar. 4, 1952.
 Mylchreest, George L., Hartford, Dec. 4, 1951.
 Nielsen, Randolph T., Wethersfield, Oct. 2, 1951.
 Olson, Walter S., Scarsdale, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1951.
 Perry, Stephen Kingsbury, West Hartford, Oct. 2, 1951.
 Pierce, Mrs. Ruth H., Delphos, O., Oct. 2, 1951.
 Purcell, Alice Lane, Wethersfield, May 6, 1952.
 Purcell, William M. III, West Hartford, Aug. 31, 1951.
 Quade, Mrs. Helen A., Albany, N. Y., May 6, 1952.
 Rankin, Florence J. P., Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Rawlins, Mary Starr, Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Roberts, Douglas J., Rockville, Dec. 4, 1951.
 Root, Elizabeth de Welden, West Hartford, Jan. 8, 1952.
 Rothstein, Mrs. Edward (Selma), Hartford, Jan. 8, 1952.
 Rumbaugh, Mrs. Nora A. Rundall, Parksdale, Ore., Feb. 5, 1952.
 Sammis, Mary E., Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Scranton, Mrs. Jewett Hamilton (Emily Brace Collins), West
 Hartford, Feb. 5, 1952.
 Sharp, Mrs. Frank (Anna Mary Shindler), Nacogdoches, Tex.,
 Aug. 7, 1951.
 Sharps, Mrs. Helen Turney, Fairfield, May 6, 1952.
 Sherer, Frank Andemars, Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1951.
 Silverman, Morris, Hartford, Jan. 8, 1952.
 Skinner, Mrs. J. H. (Elizabeth V.), Middletown, May 6, 1952.
 Smith, Mrs. Bernice Knoeppel, Torrington, July 17, 1951.
 Smith, Chard Powers, Falls Village, Aug. 7, 1951.
 Smith, Donald S., Northford, Aug. 7, 1951.
 Smith, Howard Malcolm, Hyattsville, Md., Dec. 4, 1951.
 Smith, Olcott Damon, Farmington, Dec. 4, 1951.
 Smith, Mrs. Sidney O. (Isabelle Charters), Gainesville, Ga., Aug.
 31, 1951.

Spencer, Frank N., Sharon, Aug. 7, 1951.
 Steele, Richard T., West Hartford, Jan. 8, 1952.
 Steele, Mrs. Richard T. (Helen Banks), West Hartford, Jan. 8, 1952.
 Thomson, James Lewis, Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Thomson, Mrs. James Lewis (Adelaide Lindsay), Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Turner, Marjorie S., Torrington, Oct. 2, 1951.
 Vehrenkomp, Ernest K., Norwalk, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Warner, Mrs. Ellsworth Alfred (Lois Marjorie Lyle), Paso Robles, Calif., July 17, 1951.
 Watkinson, Mary Wells, West Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Watkinson, Olive Hudson, West Hartford, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Welling, William, Hartford, May 20, 1952.
 Welling, Mrs. William (Harriett B.), Hartford, May 20, 1952.
 Wessell, Mrs. Josephine King, Vernon Center, N. Y., July 17, 1951.
 Whittlesey, Mary Swift, New Britain, Oct. 2, 1951.
 Wiese, Chester A., West Hartford, Mar. 4, 1952.
 Wiese, Mrs. Chester A. (Ruth Atkins), West Hartford, Mar. 4, 1952.
 Wiley, William Henry, West Hartford, Feb. 5, 1952.
 Williams, Mrs. Doris E., Hartford, Mar. 4, 1952.
 Williams, Mrs. Samuel Porter (Bertha McCullough Clark), Hartford, July 17, 1951.
 Wilson, Edward Strong, Larchmont, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1951.
 Winer, Herbert I., New Haven, July 17, 1951.
 Wise, Mrs. William S. (Elizabeth Seymour McCreary), West Hartford, Apr. 1, 1952.
 Yeager, Charles Henry, Rocky Hill, Nov. 6, 1951.
 Yntema, Mrs. D. B. (Mary E.), Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 2, 1951.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Abstract of Financial Report of

Allerton C. Hickmott, *Treasurer*

BALANCE SHEET—APRIL 30, 1952

ASSETS

Investments

Bonds	\$ 75,669.13
Stocks	397,478.53
Mortgage Loans	6,220.00
Savings Banks	41,622.06
Cash	17,230.55
Petty Cash	100.00

Total Investments	\$538,320.27
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Equipment	50,623.54
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Real Estate, including Wash- ington Street Property	513,656.19
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Library	350,000.00
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Museum	150,000.00
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Furnishings	2,500.00
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Deferred charge, General Fund	75.00
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1,066,854.73

Total	\$1,605,175.00
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LIABILITIES

Endowment Funds designated for:

General Expenses	\$254,735.77
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Library	20,381.34
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Building maintenance	197,020.82
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\$472,137.93

Special Funds

Ancient Vital Records Fund, established by subscrip- tion in 1907 for publish- ing town records	\$322.67
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Cataloguing Fund, estab- lished by grant of the Hartford Foundation for	
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Public Giving for catalog- uing the library	2,620.40	
State Appropriation, for publishing purposes	3,621.75	
Newton C. Brainard Ac- count, to augment li- brarian's salary	1,023.45	
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Restricted Funds		
Publication Fund, derived from sale of publications and admission fees. In- come restricted for pub- lishing purposes	13,515.72	
Anonymous Museum Fund	1,188.69	
Newman C. Hungerford Fund, for care and in- crease of coin collection . .	2,000.00	
George Dudley Seymour Museum Fund, for care of collection bequeathed in 1945	26,117.49	
Edwin Stanley Welles Fund, derived from sale of books, income available when \$600 has accumu- lated	427.24	
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	43,249.14	
Value of Library, Museum and Furnishings	502,500.00	
Value of Building and Land	564,279.73	
		\$1,589,755.07
Undistributed Gains to Consolidated Fund	3,967.02	
Income from Trust Funds	5,775.32	
Surplus, General Fund	1,628.48	
Reserve for withholding taxes on salaries, general fund . .	182.40	
Reserve for portrait restoration	407.37	
Reserve for insurance	414.71	
Reserve for Librarian's salary adjustment	622.00	
Reserve for office typist	1,900.00	
Reserve for Sales Tax collected23	
Reserve for Social Security, General Fund	22.40	
Reserve for repairs	500.00	
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		\$1,605,175.00

ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Albert C. Bates Fund, established by gift in 1906	\$ 1,023.70#	\$ 53.71
Silas Chapman, Jr. Fund, bequest November, 1926	68,500.00	3,691.38
Sophia F. Coe Fund, bequest April, 1916	1,050.00	56.58
Wilbur L. Cross Fund, established in December, 1947 by gift from an anonymous donor	100.00	5.39
George Henry Fitts Fund in Memory of Colonel Thomas Knowlton, bequest January, 1925	10,000.00	538.88
General Fund, established in 1849	12,308.67	647.23
James J. Goodwin Fund, established in October, 1915 by Mrs. James J. Goodwin in memory of her husband	20,000.00	1,077.78
E. Stevens Henry Fund, bequest February, 1922	550.00	29.63
James B. Hosmer Fund, bequest September, 1878	5,000.00	269.45
Dr. William Ward Knight Fund, bequest December, 1923	8,000.00	431.10
Francis T. Maxwell Fund, bequest March, 1942	5,000.00	269.45
Henry L. Miller Fund, bequest of Annie C. Miller in 1943 in memory of her father ...	4,182.43	225.39
Charles Morris Mills Fund in memory of Jonathan Flynt Morris, bequest 1951	500.00*	14.39
Edward B. Peck, bequest October, 1928	32,500.00	1,751.38
William H. Putnam Fund, derived from sales of <i>The Two Putnams</i>	258.98	13.88
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Fund, bequest in 1909 of \$3,000 and bequest of Mrs. Russell in 1922 of \$5,000	8,000.00	431.10
James Shepard Fund, bequest in 1929 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	1,828.57	99.00
Edwin Simons Fund, bequest December, 1915	5,400.00	291.00
Grace F. Smith Fund, bequest in 1950	5,000.00	269.45

‡ Deposited in savings bank, income for two years.

Remainder of above funds are invested in the Consolidated investment fund, the income from which is apportioned in accordance with the capital amount of the various funds.

* Received during the year, income apportioned according to length of time fund was invested.

Jane T. Smith Fund, bequest August, 1930	1,000.00	53.89
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fund, bequest in 1939	10,000.00	538.88
Mary K. Talcott Fund, bequest in 1920	6,100.00	328.72
Mabel C. Tuller Fund, bequest in 1951	5,000.00*	143.95
Tuttle Fund, bequest in 1940 of \$5,000 from Jane Tuttle and a bequest in 1941 of \$4,925 from Ruel C. Tuttle	10,000.00	538.88
Edgar F. Waterman Fund, established by gift in 1947 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	3,433.42	156.32
Albion B. Wilson Fund, bequest in 1951 . . .	10,000.00*	0.00
Charles G. Woodward Fund, bequest in 1950	20,000.00	1,077.78
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	\$ 254,735.77	\$ 13,004.59
Annual dues		1,799.50
Miscellaneous income		121.86
Income from Charles G. Woodward Trust . .		3,394.18
Building Fund contributions		243.80
George E. Hoadley Fund Income		8,056.17
From reserve for librarian's wages		933.00
insurance		285.29
portrait restoration		658.38
office help		2,000.00
Publication Fund, Bulletin		764.15
Seymour Endowment Fund		1,537.20
Seymour Museum Fund,		1,018.21
Seymour Show Case Fund, accumulated income		56.66
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TOTAL INCOME		\$ 33,782.99

GENERAL EXPENSES

Salaries and wages	\$ 18,810.12
Fees	1,219.49
Binding	390.19
Bulletin	764.15
Meeting expense	191.45
Moving expense	1,778.71
Miscellaneous	196.72
Photographing & photostating	15.15
Building A.D.T. service	1,079.77
fuel	1,356.87
gas	93.42
insurance	285.29
electricity	1,225.08

* Received during the year, income apportioned according to length of time fund was invested.

repairs reserve	500.00	
repairs	545.14	
supplies	405.96	
water	39.06	
grounds	755.35	
Postage & stationery	409.17	
Portrait restoration	658.38	
Printing	1,364.60	
Social security	181.64	
Library supplies	681.43	
Telephone	231.14	
To reserve for portrait restoration	200.00	
insurance	400.00	
		\$ 33,778.28
Gain for the Year		4.71

ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR LIBRARY

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Lucius B. Barbour Fund, derived from sale of Manwaring's <i>Early Connecticut Probate Records</i>	640.34	33.91
William F. J. Boardman Fund, derived from sale of copies of <i>Boardman Genealogy</i> , <i>Wethersfield Inscriptions</i> , <i>Boardman Ancestry</i> and <i>Greenleaf Ancestry</i>	1,067.53	55.98
Lucy A. Brainard Fund, established by gift in 1892 which is being further increased through the sale of books presented for the purpose by Morgan B. Brainard, Newton C. Brainard and The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.	2,450.57	131.04
Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund, established in 1925 by gift of the Society of one-half interest in remaining unsold copies of <i>Vital Records of Norwich</i>	231.25	12.46
Charles J. Hoadly Fund, derived from sale of <i>Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut</i> and volume 3 of the <i>Public Records of the State of Connecticut</i>	3,658.27	191.83
Library-Museum Fund, derived from sale of books presented in 1948 by Mrs. J. C. Hills, augmented by books from Barclay Robinson and Kenneth Lord	376.25	18.08



Horace E. Mather Fund, bequest in December, 1933 by Lucy O. Mather in memory of her father	5,000.00	269.45
Jonathan Flynt Morris Fund, derived from sales of <i>Morris Register</i> presented by the daughters of Mr. Morris	124.00	6.68
Thomas Robbins Fund, bequest in 1856 by the Society's first Librarian	6,580.63	354.62
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Book Fund, derived from sale of <i>Descendants of John Russell</i>	252.50	13.61
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	\$ 20,381.34	\$ 1,087.66

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS

George E. Hoadley Fund, bequest in 1922	\$ 165,720.82
George Dudley Seymour Endowment Fund, bequest in 1945	31,300.00
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	\$ 197,020.82

ALLERTON C. HICKMOTT,
Treasurer.

The account of the Treasurer with securities shown therein has been examined by me and found correct.

HAROLD G. HOLCOMBE,
Auditor.



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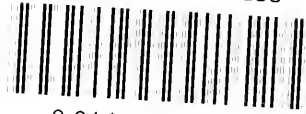
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